

## ETHICS IN RESEARCH POLICY

The word *ethics* has many interpretations. Various explanations for the term *ethics* are available in religious and eco – political systems and several interpretations are drawn with reference to different time periods.

However, *ethics* in research policy refer to purity in research in the context of academic and commercial type of research undertaken by different researchers in D.E. Society's Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce Research Center. The major possibilities for paucity of ethical practices are in the areas of referencing, credits to the earlier authors, collection of data, its confidentiality etc. ; which may be knowingly or unknowingly.

The researchers may include M.Phil. and Ph.D. students, other students, faculty members, industry participants and so on.

### **Do's and Don'ts of Ethical Practices:**

1. The referencing is to be done according to the international standards.
2. The resources of data collection for secondary data should be explicitly mentioned in the content of writing of research report.
3. While collecting the secondary data it should be ensured that proper permission has been sought from the resource agency regarding IPR, Copy Rights, Patents, Trademark etc.
4. M.Phil. and Ph.D. students should be made aware of the fact that their work is uploaded on Shodhganga and other websites where it becomes a public document, giving access to everybody. Therefore, they should be diligent enough about their content writing.
5. The resource agencies for data collection should be taken into confidence about the purpose of the research and its further applications.
6. Data should be collected from the population or sample and not from other parties or resources.
7. The confidentiality in complete sense should be strictly maintained regarding the data.
8. Data should not be manipulated for any reason.
9. The participants of research should not be exposed to any kind of defamation or risk or loss to their image, social status etc.
10. Freedom to researchers be maintained while collecting the data.
11. The data from various organizations be used judiciously i.e., only for the purpose for which it has be sought.

12. The expert suggestions, although they are advisory many times, should be incorporated in the research work.
13. Researchers should not make any tall claims by making any false and exaggerated statement.
14. The names of books, journals and such other resources which really assisted the researcher for conceptualization should be mentioned in Bibliography.
15. In case of any grievance regarding the experts or opinions of experts, they should be brought to the notice of the concerned authority.
16. The research work should be periodically reviewed by the experts.
17. Plagiarism should be avoided at any cost. BMCC Research Center uses **Plagiarism Checker X** software to avoid the same.

**Indicators:**

1. The number of complaints from concerned stakeholders should be negligible.
  2. Assurance of undertaking by researchers are on record before the submission.
- In a nutshell, the spirit of ethical research should be internalized deeply and the likely harm of unethical practices to different stakeholders be considered with utmost care.

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